

Practical Information – HES 2026

1. Visa Requirement for Korea

K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization) Required

Passport holders from many visa-waiver countries (list below) must obtain a K-ETA before boarding their flight unless temporarily exempt. **Please double check beforehand.**

Albania, Andorra, Antigua-Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China p. r. (Hong Kong), China p. r. (Macao), Colombia, Commonwealth of Dominica, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Eswatini, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Russia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak, Slovenia, Solomon Is., South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad-Tobago, Tunisia, Turkiye, Tuvalu, U.a.e, Uk-British Citizen (gbr), Uk-British Dependent Territories Citizen (gbd), Uk-British National Overseas (gbn), Uk-British Overseas Citizen (gbo), Uk-British Protected Person (gbp), Uk-British Subject (gbs), United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela

K-ETA Exempt

A selected list of countries (list below) are temporarily exempt from needing K-ETA for short trips (typically up to 90 days). **Please double check beforehand.**

Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vatican City

Visa required

Citizens of many countries that are not listed above must apply for a Korean visa at a Korean embassy/consulate before traveling. **Please double check beforehand.**

2. LG Science Park - E9 Building

HES is taking place at the floor B1 of **LG Science Park – E9 Building** (71, Magokjungang 8-ro, Gangseo-gu, Seoul). The nearest subway stations are Magoknaru / Balsan / Magok.

Here is the Korean address (to show to taxi drivers as instance):

LG사이언스파크 E9동 - 서울 강서구 마곡중앙8로 71

Directional banners will guide you from the entrance. Coffee, snacks, and lunch will be provided. On Floor B1 you can also find convenience stores (CVS), coffee shops, and restaurants. Additional restaurants and CVS are available in the surrounding area.



3. From Airports to LG Science Park

There are 2 airports in Seoul:

- Incheon International Airport (ICN)
- Gimpo Airport (GMP)

Option A – Taxi

Taxis are available directly outside both airports.

Estimated Taxi Prices:

- ICN → LG Science Park (Magok): approx. 60,000–90,000 KRW
- GMP → LG Science Park (Magok): approx. 15,000–30,000 KRW



Estimated travel time:

- ICN → LG Science Park: 45–70 minutes
- GMP → LG Science Park: 15–30 minutes

Option B – Incheon Airport (ICN) → Bus

Where to take the bus: From the airport, follow indications for Airport Bus / Limousine Bus:

- Terminal 2: Floor B1
- Terminal 1: Floor 1

Tickets: Buy a ticket at the vending machines inside the airport. ⚠️ You cannot purchase the ticket directly on the bus. The price is less than 20,000 KRW.

Route: Take **Bus 6003**, get off at Magokdongno Intersection for the conference venue.

 **Estimated travel time:** 45–60 minutes

 Walk to LG Science Park E9: ~8 minutes

Option C — Incheon Airport (ICN) → Train (regular AREX all-stop)

⚠️ **Taking the regular AREX all-stop train is recommended.** If you take the AREX Express Train, it goes directly to Seoul Station. To reach LG Science Park, a metro transfer is required.

Where to take the train: From the airport, follow indications for the Airport Railroad (AREX), floor B1 at both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2.

Tickets: Buy a ticket at the vending machines inside the airport. The price is less than 10,000 KRW.

Route: Take the train until Magoknaru Station.

 **Estimated travel time:** 40–50 minutes

 Walk to LG Science Park E9: ~15 minutes

Option D — Gimpo Airport (GMP) → Metro

From Gimpo International Airport Station, take **Metro Line 5** until **Balsan Station**.

Tickets: Buy a ticket at the vending machines (you will need cash). You can also use T-Money (see below). The price is less about 1,500 KRW.

 **Estimated travel time:** ~6 minutes

 Walk to LG Science Park E9: ~10 minutes

4. Practical tips

Public transport (T-Money card): A T-Money card is recommended for using the metro and buses in Seoul. It is not sold at metro stations, but it can be purchased at convenience stores (CU, 7-Eleven, GS25, e-mart24) at the airport and throughout the city. The card can be reloaded at metro stations using T-Money top-up machines; however, these machines accept cash only. T-Money can also be used to pay for taxis.

Payments: Credit cards are widely accepted. Carry some cash for small purchases and T-Money recharge. Cash can be withdrawn or exchanged at the airport.

Useful apps:

- Maps / Navigation: KakaoMap, NAVER Maps
- Taxi: Kakao T
- Translation to and from Korean: Papago NAVER

 Google Maps may not provide accurate walking directions in Korea. Use KakaoMap or NAVER Maps for best results.

Connectivity: Free Wi-Fi is available at the airport and venue. SIM cards and pocket Wi-Fi can be purchased at the airport.

Emergency numbers:

- Police 112
- Ambulance/Fire 119

Language: English is generally available at airports, hotels, and the venue. Taxi drivers may not speak English.